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SENATOR SHERMAN'S MISTAKE

Under the above heading, yesterday's Globe-Democrat, the leading Republican of the middle-West, makes the following comment on the uncalculated and vitriolic attack of Senator Sherman, of Illinois, which was delivered in the Senate Wednesday:

Senator Sherman has done no good thing for the Republican party by his savage attack on the President, and most certainly he has not contributed to the feeling of unity that should bind us together in this great emergency. That the President is a Democrat is not to be denied; that he is interested in the success of his party is unquestionably true; that he has done things that are not pleasing to Republicans must be admitted; that the phrase "politics is adjourned" has more grace in its rhetoric than in its application hardly admits of argument in the face of its facts. But conceding all this, the criticisms of Senator Sherman are untimely, hurtful to his party, and injurious to the interests of the United States. Considered purely as a partisan move it is most unwise. It tends to justify the claim of the Democrats, which otherwise we hold to be unjustifiable, that only a Democratic Congress can work in harmony with the President in the prosecution of the war.

But the party side of it is a matter of little consequence in comparison with its national aspect. Mr. Wilson is the President of the United States, the head and front of the American people. In the eyes of the world he is the exponent of the nation, the embodiment of its ideals and its spirit. In a sense, his office gives him that position of representation, but his acts and his utterances, the one responding to the desires and the other voicing the aspirations and the purposes of the American people, have brought him and us into a closer focus for the world's observation, have given us a larger place, a commanding place, in the world's perspective. Whether that is because he is what he is, or because we are what we are, matters little. The fact remains that it is so. The people of other nations know little and care little about our party divisions and party antagonisms. They see only a great nation acting in wonderful unanimity for a great cause and they look upon Woodrow Wilson as the guide and guardian of that cause, as he is. But when he is attacked in the Senate of the United States by a Senator of the United States, as he was by Senator Sherman the other day, both he and we are likely to be lowered in their estimation, and our cause to suffer accordingly. That speech should delight the Germans, while it causes wonder and regret in the rest of mankind.

BIG WORK FOR AMERICANS

Washington is not alone in wondering what is being done, and what is to be done, with the American force in France. We have been told that the first American army has been organized by Gen. Pershing, and that over a million of our men are now over there. How many of them are trained to fighting standard and incorporated in fighting divisions we do not know, nor do we know how they are distributed. There are Americans with the British in Flanders, there is a unit with Gen. Mangin doing glorious work on the Juvigny plateau, there are Americans on the Vesle, and a considerable number, no doubt, on the Lorraine-Alsace sector. But still there is good reason to believe that the great majority of our soldiers are not in active service on the battle front, and as their number is growing daily with great rapidity the question of their disposition is an interesting one. That disposition, of course, is entirely in the hands of Gen. Foch, and it is impossible, or even probable that he is holding them in reserve to hurl them into the fight in support of the French or British troops wherever and whenever they may be needed.

But we prefer to imagine that he is preparing a great coup to be executed by means of this fresh, virile, eager and powerful force that has been placed in his hands. Somewhere upon the line of war we hope to see the American Army go into action as a body, under its own immediate commanders, with the opportunity before it to show how an American Army can fight on the prodigious scale that this contest requires. It may be, as some suggest, that our troops are to be massed on the German border along the line of Alsace-Lorraine, for a direct invasion of Germany and an immediate attack upon the Rhine. We can think of no position and no task more to our liking than this. To lead the way into the land of the Kaiser would be a privilege and an honor. One of his military experts said the other day that if the enemy passed the Rhine German would have to quit. Well, if Foch gives us a chance we'll pass it. America would like nothing better than to "wind up the watch on the Rhine", and we are sure that our boys now entrenched in the mountains of Alsace are looking longingly to the east where the spires of Strasbourg beckon them.—Globe-Democrat.

News From Our Boys in Service

From Claude Baldwin

Letter received by Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Baldwin from their son, Claude: Somewhere in France, July 2.

Dear Mother and All:—

I will answer your letter I received a few days ago and was sure glad to hear from you. I am O. K. and wish I could spend the Fourth with you but guess I will take my Fourth over here this year. Gee! but this is some beautiful place. The sun shines once in the valley and that is at noon. I am about 1200 feet up above my camp now and not half way up the hill and can pitch a rock on the tent in which I stay. It feels almost like home when I go out and pick all the huckleberries and strawberries I want. I went out yesterday evening and picked about a gallon of huckleberries and had eight pies made of them. The longer I stay the better I like it over here. I have lots of fun trying to learn to speak French. Don't worry about me for I am all right. It isn't half as bad as you hear it is. I have seen a number of F. R. boys, among them, Emmett LaBrot, Willie and Jess Freeman and Harold Francis. I have lots I would like to write and tell you but can't, and if I am not too badly mistaken I will be at home to eat Christmas dinner with you all. I have seen one German airplane brought down and by the looks of the trees it had been hauled awfully hard. They have the largest cattle I have ever seen, over here. There are more oxen than anything else. The women over here do most all the farming; they haul hay. Your loving son, Claude E. Baldwin, 110th Engineers, A. E. F.

From Sergt. R. F. Kirkpatrick to John H. Hunt.

France, July 26, 1918.

Friend John:—

Have thought of the fellows back at the Federal plant a lot since I left some twelve months ago, but haven't had much time for letter writing. I hear there have been quite a few changes. Got a letter from Bowden yesterday. Seems to be having a great time just hunting, fishing and taking life easy.

Am back of the lines now, resting up, after a ten-days "go" in the front line trenches. Haven't been able to get that Hun helmet spike for you yet but hope to grab one the next time we go in.

We are at present in a very mountainous part of France, and it's the very devil with a pack on your back. I think I've slept in every hayloft in the country since we landed here over two months ago. In one place down the line one of the boys crawled in about two o'clock in the morning all "lit up" on red wine. While groping around for his blanket he went through an opening and fell into an ox stall about twenty feet below. I found him at Reveille snoring like a buzz saw with his head pillowed upon the rear quarters of a big muddy ox.

We have a cow beneath us now that wears a bell round her neck and walks in her sleep.

Landed in England coming over. Babies aren't raised on the bottle over there; they are brought up on the bicycle. Everybody rides one.

Came over in a converted cattle boat—eighteen days on the water—slept in a tiny hammock swung from the ceiling, and lived on carrots and goat meat. One of our convoys was torpedoed in the English Channel.

Be sure and let me know how everything is going at No. 3 and tell all the fellows "howdy" for me.

Your old friend,

KIRK.

Paul Jones spent several days this week visiting at home. He is doing recruiting work for the Navy.

Jack and Oscar LePere, who are in the Marine Corps at present stationed at Quantico, Va., spent Saturday night with home folks. They had been given several days leave to visit home folks and expected to spend at least one whole day at home. They were delayed one day on the way home, however, and had only Saturday night to stay here. They started on the return trip to Quantico Sunday morning. They are expecting to receive orders to sail for France soon.

ELVINS

H. N. Silsby and family of Mitchell were Elvins visitors Sunday.

Carl Lupkey and family spent Sunday in Herculaneum.

Misses Nanny and Mae Benham, Mrs. Hettie Benham and Norman Archambo, Maybrey Gettinger were Bonne Terre visitors Monday.

Debert Beaudin, who has been in Cartersville, Ill., for several months, returned home Tuesday.

Mrs. C. J. Sutton and daughter, Ruth, transacted business in Leadwood Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stephens and daughters, Leah and Octa, of Fredericktown were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Stevens Sunday.

John Clinton is on the sick list this week.

Leon Richards has accepted a position with Wood's Drug Store.

Little Miss Alma Layne is visiting her grandparents at Davis Crossing this week.

Jesse Howell, who is in St. Louis attending school, spent Sunday and Monday with home folks.

I. N. Threlkeld spent from Saturday until Tuesday in St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Coutant of St. Louis spent several days last week visiting Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Tidwell.

Mrs. C. G. Carr and Mrs. Carr Hartshorn spent Friday in Farmington.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Langdon and son, Edward, of Bonne Terre spent Labor Day in Elvins.

Mrs. John Moore is quite ill this week.

Misses Dorothy Patterson and Mildred Schack were Flat River visitors Sunday.

Mrs. Harry Webster of Omaha, Neb., came Sunday for an extended

visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Maurer.

Mrs. Asa Malone and Mrs. Carr Hartshorn spent Thursday in Bonne Terre.

Clarence Greer and family of Kansas City, Kans., visited relatives here this week.

H. L. Calvird and family of Bonne Terre spent Monday visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Sarah Fisher spent the past week visiting relatives in Sedalia.

H. L. Maurer and family spent Sunday at Lake Kilarney.

Little Dorothy Presnell is reported quite ill.

Miss Martha Denwoody of Bonne Terre was the guest of Dr. G. W. Tidwell and family on Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Reece spent Sunday in Bonne Terre as guests of their daughter, Mrs. H. H. Rudy.

Mrs. Carr Hartshorn gave a surprise birthday dinner out at Pleasant Valley Saturday evening, in honor of Harold, her 15 year old son. Those present were: Misses Isabell Hess, Mary Keith, Kathryn Delcours, Ruth McAllister, Viola Elvins and Lucile Vance, and John Carr and Harold Hartshorn, Lewis Evans, and Mrs. Hartshorn. All reported an enjoyable evening.

Lloyd McAllister of Joplin spent last week here visiting home folks.

Miss Maude Runke transacted business in St. Louis the latter part of last week.

Mansey Fraizer of Bonne Terre has accepted a position in the Bank of Elvins.

Bill Layne attended the Flag Raising Exercises of the Flat River schools Tuesday.

Privates Harry Dix, Lennis Meecy and John Govro spent Sunday and Monday with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hulsey gave a supper at their home Friday evening in honor of their sister, Mrs. John Delcours, of Richwoods.

Misses Trixie Polite and Lottie Douglas and Raymond Tlapok and John Govro motored to Bonne Terre Sunday.

T. J. Buckner and family were Farmington visitors Sunday.

The following young folks were entertained at the Miller Hotel by Miss Kathryn Delcours: Misses Ruth McAllister, Viola Elvins, Lauraine Carr and Lucile Vance; Lewis Evans, Harold and John Carr Hartshorn, Leon Richards, Earl Scott, Lewis Baker and Lloyd McAllister.

Miss Annabelle Valle was a St. Louis visitor Saturday.

Miss Bertha Copelange has resumed her stenographic work for Carr Hartshorn.

Mrs. Pearl Hampton and daughters visited relatives in Bonne Terre Friday.

Misses Isabell Hess, Lauraine Carr, Mary Keith and Lucile Vance, and Earl Scott spent Sunday afternoon at Iron Mountain Lake.

LIBERTYVILLE

Rev. R. L. Allen filled his regular appointment at the Christian church last Sunday morning and evening.

Rev. McDonald began a meeting at the Methodist church here last Sunday evening, which will continue through the week. Everyone invited to attend each evening during the week.

Our public school began here last Monday with good attendance, with Miss Bailey of Farmington as principal and Miss Anthony of Fredericktown the primary teacher.

Miss Ruth Cashion of Cape Girardeau and her grandmother, Mrs. Yount, visited the former's father, P. A. Cashion, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Detring and little son, Donald, spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Presnell.

Mrs. T. L. Graham spent last Saturday night and Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Berryman, at Fredericktown.

Mrs. H. W. Crow and little son, Wayman, returned home last Sunday, after a visit with relatives in St. Louis.

Mr. Young was the guest of his daughter, Mrs. J. Ed McDaniel, and family, the first of this week.

Robt. McGeorge of Knob Lick was a business visitor here last Tuesday.

Al McGraw of Fredericktown and Chas. Ratz of Red Bud, Ill., were in this community buying mules last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Parker, Mercelotte Martin and Leana McCarver of Flat River spent Sunday night and Monday with H. B. Presnell and family.

Wm. Detrig has returned to his home here after a visit of a few days with his son in North Dakota.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Moore spent last Sunday here with Cyrus Holmes and family.

Those who spent last Sunday at the home of G. W. Simpson were as follows: A. J. Banes, of Flat River, J. W. Banes of Fredericktown, D. F. Moran and wife of Bonne Terre, and Rev. R. L. Allen of Farmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gudger of Fredericktown were visitors here last Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Frank Clubb and children are visiting her sister, Mrs. McDowell, at Fredericktown, this week.

ROUTE 3

Albert Wade and son, Clarence, Andrew Gordon and son, Wimple, motored to Ste. Genevieve last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hartner, of Coffman spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Valentine Herman of this route.

Perry Hammors of Flat River spent Sunday night and Monday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Hammors, of Route 3.

Orvall Harter of Farmington spent Sunday and Monday with home folks on this route.

Noah Counts, W. E. Coffen, H. N. Vaughn, Thos. Gregory, and Amiee Vaughn attended the school directors' meeting at Ste. Genevieve last Saturday.

J. Cowley and Isaac Thumore of this route will leave for training camp Friday, Sept. 6.

George and Ralph Shinn of Flat River spent Sunday and Monday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Shinn and family.

Mrs. Noah Counts spent a week recently with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dipper, Sr., in Farmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Amiee Vaughn and daughter, Viola, spent Sunday at the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Gordon, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Boyd of Avon spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Mertell of this route.

Roy Wampler spent Sunday with Geo. Smith.

Oak Grove school started last Monday. E. S. Womack, the teacher, taught two very successful terms at this place a few years ago.

Noah Counts sold to John Horton, of Route 5, a fine mule one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tucker Boyd and family of Coffman, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Boyd and son of Avon and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wade spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boyd of this route.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Womack and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Harter.

The ice cream festival given at Chestnut Ridge last Saturday night, for the benefit of the Red Cross, was attended by a large crowd and proved to be a success.

Alva Wampler of Flat River spent Monday on this route.

Clemet Valle, who has employment at Flat River, took dinner with J. C. Harter last Sunday and then went on to Coffman that afternoon to spend a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Antoine Valle.

Ed Morrice and Charley Lange of St. Francis motored down to the latter's father's farm last Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mackley and children of Farmington spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Sebastian of this route.

Those who spent Sunday afternoon with Misses Mamie and Fannie Counts were: Misses Gertrude and Opal Harter of Coffman, Bertha and Emma Herman, Thelma Hammors and Viola Harter of this route, and Reeva Boyd of Avon, and J. C. Orvall and Burle Harter, Clarence and Ralph Wade of this route and Allen Boyd of Avon.

AVON

Much rain has fallen in this community the past few days which is most excellent for preparations for wheat sowing.

A great deal of ground is being broken at this time for wheat sowing.

W. H. Sheer was a caller in the Libertyville vicinity the first of the week.

R. W. Huffstutler of Womack was the guest of relatives near here one day the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Biri and little son of Flat River spent from Saturday until Monday guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Biri.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Danieley and little daughter, Leah, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Blaylock and family.

Clarence Bowling of New Church was an Avon caller Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sheer spent Sunday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Winters and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Merritt spent the first of the week as guests of the former's parents and other relatives and friends in and around the Lead Belt.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Boyd and little son, Delmar, visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Boyd, Sunday.

W. H. Sheer spent Wednesday night with his brother-in-law, R. W. Huffstutler, and family of near Womack.

Those who spent Sunday with G. W. Biri and wife were: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Biri and son, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Rodgers, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Biri and little Miss Helen Biri.

Following are the names of those attaining the age of 21 years since June 5, last, and have registered in Ste. Genevieve county: Marvin L. Reeder, Harry E. Story, Nesburt J. Cunningham, Alexander Labryere, Clarence J. Koetting, Howard Henderson, Joseph H. Obgrlie, Lester W. Jennings, Victor D. Brown, Wm. Eckert, Francis H. Kirchner, William J. Gegg, Robt. H. Naeger, Benj. J. Carron, Walter L. Rozier, Otto F. McClure, Guy W. Graff.

ROUTE 3

(Received too late for last week.) John Wampler of this route spent the week-end in Flat River.

John Harter of Farmington is spending the week with his son, Frank Harter, and family.

Miss Mamie Counts spent from Friday until Thursday with friends on Route 2.

J. C. Harter made a business trip to Flat River Tuesday.

Several on this route attended the Chautauqua last week.

Noah Wampler of Flat River spent Sunday and Monday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wampler.

Miss Beulah Wampler, who has been spending the last two weeks with relatives and friends here, returned to her home in Flat River Saturday.

Mrs. Noah Counts spent Tuesday night and Wednesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Depper, of Farmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Snow of St. Louis spent from Friday until Sunday with the latter's sister, Mrs. Thomas Gregory, and family of this route.

Misses Lillian and Eugenia Bloom are spending the week with relatives and friends in Flat River.

The Oak Grove school began Tuesday, Sept. 3, with Prof. E. S. Womack as teacher.

KNOB LICK

Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Shannon visited friend in Knob Lick Tuesday.

John Wells spent Sunday with his brother, Wm. Wells, on Route 2.

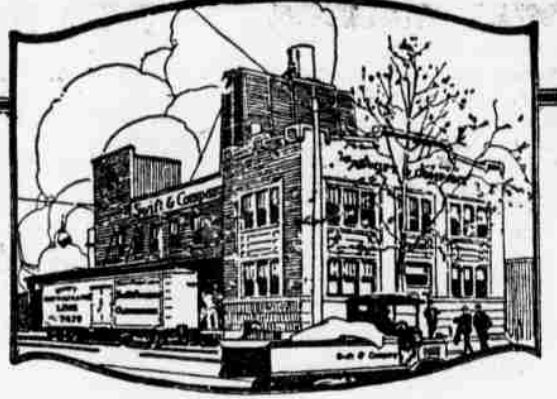
Mrs. Ed Clark was the guest of Mrs. Chas. Marshall Saturday.

J. D. Wells was a Knob Lick visitor Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smith and family spent Labor Day with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Bridgeman, of Knob Lick.

Miss Mary Clark spent Sunday with Misses Lena and Eva Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Anderson were Farmington visitors Saturday.



What is a Branch House?

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Mrs. John Wells visited Mrs. Chas. Marshall one day last week.

Nathan Erwin visited relatives in Flat River last week.

Everett Marshall was a Farmington visitor Saturday.

Mrs. Andy Lemon returned home Tuesday, after a few weeks' visit with her mother in Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Parroti and daughter, Bertha, of Route 3 were shopping in Knob Lick Saturday.

Joe Chapman.

Mr. and Mrs. Belken and family of Libertyville visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. O'Bannon, Monday.

Miss Ella Clark spent Saturday night and Sunday with her cousin, Lena Wells.

Miss Sadie Skinner of Farmington spent Monday with home folks.

Mrs. J. D. Wells and Miss Eva Wells were Knob Lick visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Mattingly was a Farmington visitor Saturday.

Miss Betty Douglas spent Monday with her sister, Mrs. Clara Brown.

Henry Hightower and brother, Arthur, visited home folks Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Maud Wells visited at the home of Mrs. Joe Chapman one day last week.

Nathan Erwin was a Farmington visitor Thursday.

John O'Bannon of Farmington is visiting relatives here this week.

Will Clark was a Farmington visitor Saturday.

Theo. Anderson was a Knob Lick visitor Sunday.

Miss Birdie Kinneman returned home Sunday.

J. S. Martin was a business visitor in Farmington Saturday.

Several from Knob Lick attended the Red Cross picnic at Brightstone Monday.

Wm. Wells was a Farmington visitor Saturday.

Rodger Black of Flat River visited his mother Saturday night and Sunday.

Willie Clark visited his cousin, J. D. Wells, Sunday.

Grant Chamberlain of Flat River visited his family Sunday.

Chas. Cassabaum is on the sick list at this writing.

J. D. and Tom Wells were business visitors in Farmington Saturday.

Miss Josie Chapman was the guest of her cousin, Miss Mary Clark, Thursday night.

Tony Baker was in Knob Lick Saturday.

This is splendid fighting weather, as is evidenced by the Allies, who are not only "going over the top", but they are also going through the Huns at a rate most pleasing.

Men between the ages of 18 and 45, both inclusive, who have not already registered, must register on Sept. 12th. Humanity is imperiled. Do your duty and see that others do theirs.

That some folks are finally being aroused from their insomnia is indicated from the following editorial paragraph in a Times exchange of last week: "The war is a serious proposition." That paper fails to state, however